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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application the subject matter of claim 26 that is indicated as cancelled:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A method of inducing an immune response against a cancer cell in a mammal, the method comprising administering to the mammal an auxotrophic attenuated strain of Listeria comprising an antigen expressed by the cancer cell.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the auxotrophic attenuated strain of Listeria comprises a mutation in both the dal gene-and the dat-gene.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the antigen is expressed from a vector.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the antigen is expressed from the Listeria genome.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the auxotrophic attenuated strain of Listeria is administered orally, parenterally, intranasally, intramuscularly, intravascularly, intravenously, intrarectally or intraperitoneally.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the cancer cell is a cervical cancer cell, a melanoma cancer cell, a breast cancer cell, or a leukemia cancer cell.

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27. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the auxotrophic attenuated strain of Listeria comprises a mutation in the dat gene.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the auxotrophic attenuated strain of Listeria further comprises a mutation in the dal gene.

29. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said Listeria is L. monocytogenes.